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Applicants: David K. BIDNER et al.

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Sir:

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[X] \$ 420.00 (37 CFR 1.17a2)

[ ] \$ 210.00 (37 CFR 1.17a2; this application is entitled to small entity status)

A check for \$420.00 is enclosed for the time extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional extension or other fee that may be necessary to deposit account No. 20-1124.

Respectfully submitted,

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